(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Sir, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per TRAI's 20th Amendment to the Telecom Tariff Order, 99 issued on 14.3.2002, the commercial subscribers, both urban and rural, are to be charged higher rental ranging between Rs. 40 to Rs. 60 and monthly free calls are to be lowered to 45 in case of rural commercial subscribers and 30 in case of urban commercial subscribers.

(d) The decision to implement depends upon individual operators.

(e) and (f) No such proposal is pending for consideration of the Government.

Agreements with South Korea in IT sector

5281. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed two agreements with South Korea for closer co-operation in Information Technology sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and South Korea in April, 2001 for cooperation in the following areas:

(i) IT software including telecom software

(ii) IT enabled services

(iii) E-commerce and Information security

(iv) Electronic governance

(v) IT and Electronics Hardware

(vi) HRD and IT education and IT enabled education

(vii) Research and Development

(viii) Exploring third country markets

(ix) Other areas as mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Another MoU was signed on 24th April, 2002 between National Informatics Centre of India and the National Computerization Agency, of South Korea for closer cooperation in the field of e-governance.

WLL telephone priority

†5282. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for selection of priority of the subscriber in the W.L.L. (V.P.T.) telephone scheme;

(b) whether any complaints of irregularity in the selection has been received in Madhubani district;

(c) if so, the action taken after making inquiry into the matter; and

(d) if not, whether Government would enquire into the matter and take action through the monitoring Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The priority for providing WLL telephone connection is as under:

Sl. No.	Priority (in the coverage area)
1.	New VPTs
2.	Old pending cases, priority & MP cases for telephone connections
3.	Replacement of faulty MARR VPTs
4.	New telephone connections

The priority was decided as the WLL equipment was procured primary for providing VPTs and replacing faulty MARR/Land lines VPTs. However,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.